

Application No. 10/076,976

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATIONIn the Specification

Please substitute the following amended paragraph(s) and/or section(s) (deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

At page 21, lines 17-31, please replace the paragraph with the following. Please note that this paragraph was previously amended in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application.

As noted above, the titanium oxide/carbon composite particles and the silicon oxide/carbon composite particles can be used advantageously in the production of abrasives for surface polishing. Similarly, other metal oxide/carbon composite nanoparticles also can be used in the production of abrasives. The use of nanoscale metal oxide particles in the production of improved abrasives is described in copending and commonly assigned patent application 08/961,735, now U.S. Patent 6,290,735 to Kambe et al., entitled "Abrasive Particles for Surface Polishing," incorporated herein by reference and in copending and commonly assigned patent application 09/085,514, now U.S. Patent 6,726,990 to Kumar et al., entitled "Silicon Oxide Particles," incorporated herein by reference.